

watches are made have difficulty in getting the watches; and

(b) if so, whether the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. contemplate to sell the watches in State capitals and important cities for at least a limited period every year?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). Due to limited production at present the watches manufactured by the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. are being sold from its offices and showrooms located at Bangalore, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Madras, Pinjore and Ernakulam. However, as production increases the selling organisation will also be expanded. The company is, for the present, making arrangements for opening about 24 sales offices and service centres in all the important cities of the country.

लंहे और इस्पात के मूल्य

३७०. श्री बाल्मीकी : क्या इस्पात, खान तथा भारी इंजीनियरिंग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अक्टूबर-नवम्बर, १९६३ में लंहे और इस्पात के मूल्य अधिक रहे हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो मूल्यों में वृद्धि रोकने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठये हैं ?

इस्पात, खान तथा भारी इंजीनियरिंग मंत्री (श्री चि० सुब्रह्मण्यम) : (क) जी नहीं । लंहे और इस्पात के परिणियत विक्रय-मूल्यों में अक्टूबर और नवम्बर, १९६३ में संशोधन नहीं किया गया है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Durgapur and Rourkela Steel Plants

371. { Shri S. C. Samanta;
Shri Subodh Hansda;
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of steel ingots are lying unsold in the factory premises of Durgapur and Rourkela for the last one year; and

(b) if so, whether any arrangement has been made to sell them?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). Accumulation of ingots at Durgapur and Rourkela has not exceeded 10000 to 15000 tonnes over normal requirements of the plants during the last year. Arrangements have already been made for the sale of these surplus ingots.

Refractories Plant

372. { Shri B. K. Das;
Shri Subodh Hansda;
Shri S. C. Samanta;
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to set up refractories plant in Public Sector;

(b) if so, where this will be located;

(c) the requirement of refractories at present; and

(d) the source from which it is met?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). Yes Sir, there is a proposal to set up a basic refractory plant in the public sector. The location has not so far been decided.